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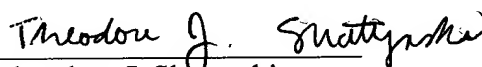
This patent application is a divisional of USSN 09/164,793, filed October 1, 1998, now under appeal, and claims subject matter directed to methods of making biopolymer tube disclosed in the original specification but not previously claimed.

Support for claims 26-41 may be found in the specification for example, on page 6, lines 14-21; page 7, lines 17-26; page 7, line 28 to page 8, line 3; Figs. 1(a) to 1(d); Figs 2(a) to 2(d); Figs. 3(a) to 3(d), Example 1, page 7; Example 2, pages 11 to 12.

Favorable consideration and early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited. If any questions arise which can be disposed through interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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